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TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.), XG, XA
SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S EUROPEAN TRIP

REF: STATE 100859

1. WE ARE PUZZLED BY REFTEL'S REFERENCE TO SCENARIO FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. AS WE UNDERSTAND TERM, SCENARIO IS STEP-BY-STEP SCHEDULE FOR VICE PRESIDENT, FROM TIME HE ALIGHTS FROM AIRCRAFT UNTIL WHEELS UP FOR DEPARTURE. IF PAST YUGOSLAV PRACTICE IS ANY GUIDE, THIS WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL A FEW DAYS BEFORE VISIT AND WILL CERTAINLY REQUIRE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH YUGOSLAWS.

2. WE DON'T WISH TO QUIBBLE OVER SEMANTICS, HOWEVER. WE DO HAVE SOME VERY TENTATIVE PROGRAM IDEAS FROM STARCEVIC, WHICH ARE IN NO SENSE OFFICIAL GOY POSITION AND CERTAINLY WILL BE CHANGED EXTENSIVELY BEFORE VISIT MATERIALIZES. HE ALSO PASSED ON SOME INFORMATION, WHICH MAY HELP IN PLANNING PROCESS.

3. VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL HOST FOR VISIT WILL BE HIS DIRECT COUNTERPART IN GOY. MEMBER OF PRESIDENCY FOR VOJVODINA, STEVAN DORONJSKI (ZARKOVIC'S TERM ENDS MAY 15TH). ALL EVENTS WILL BE IN BELGRADE, ALTHOUGH
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STARCEVIC SAID THAT THIS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT TITO WOULD HAVE ARRIVED HERE FOR HIS MAY 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DURING TIME FRAME OF VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY FSFA. GOY WILL OFFER VICE PRESIDENT USE OF GOVERNMENT VILLA DURING HIS STAY.

4. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WOULD BE:

MAY 20TH -- 16:10 ARRIVE BELGRADE, MET BY HOST AND OTHER
GOY OFFICIALS. TO GOY VILLA (DRIVING TIME APPROXIMATELY
20 MINUTES) FOR BRIEF REST AND STAFF TIME).

18:00 TALKS WITH DORONJSKI AND OTHER SENIOR
GOY OFFICIALS

20:00 DINNER HOSTED BY DORONJSKI

MAY 21ST -- 8:30 WORKING BREAKFAST

10:30 MEETING WITH TITO, FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON
HOSTED BY PRESIDENT
REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON FREE FOR SHOPPING AND SIGHTSEEING

20:00 RECIPROCAL DINNER HOSTED BY VICE PRESIDENT

MAY 22 -- 8:30 WORKING BREAKFAST

10:00 - 11:40 STAFF TIME

12:00 DEPARTURE FOR LONDON

5. AGAIN WE STRESS THAT FOREGOING IS TENTATIVE AND
NON-OFFICIAL. IN ORDER TO FILL IT IN, WOULD APPRECIATE
SOONEST DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, ANY SPECIAL WISHES
VICE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE, INFORMATION ON COMPOSITION OF
VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, AND INFORMATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE
REQUIREMENTS FOR VISIT.
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